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Local communities celebrate ecology with clean-up efforts this Saturday

Earth Day is an annual event that started in 1970 when 20 million Americans - 10 percent of the population of the U.S. at the time - came together to demonstrate the importance of increasing protection for the planet, according to the official Earth Day website EARTHDAY.ORG.

Earth Day was founded as a day of education about environmental issues, and Earth Day 2023 will occur this Saturday, April 22. The day is now a global celebration that's sometimes extended into Earth Week, a full seven days of events focused on green living and confronting the climate crisis. Inspired by the protests of the 1960s, Earth Day began as a "national teach-in on the environment" and took place April 22 to maximize the number of students that could be reached on university campuses.

In 1990, Earth Day went global, with 200 million people in more than 140 nations participating, according to the Earth Day Network (EDN), a nonprofit organization that coordinates Earth Day activities. In 2000, Earth Day focused on clean energy and involved hundreds of millions of people in 184 countries and 5,000 environmental groups, according to EDN. Activities ranged from a traveling, talking drum chain in Gabon, Africa, to a gathering of hundreds of thousands of people at the National Mall in Washington, D.C.

Today, the Earth Day Network collaborates with more than 17,000 partners and organizations in 174 countries. According to EDN, more than 1 billion people are involved in Earth Day activities, making it "the largest secular civic event in the world."

Local communities will mark Earth Day Saturday with various planned activities.

In Inkster:

Join Friends of the Rouge and The Inkster Task Force at Inkster Colonial Park from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. on Earth Day, Saturday, April 22, to help clean and open logjams on the Lower Rouge River Water Trail. The Inkster Task Force is on a mission to open safe paddling routes on the Rouge River to create safe and meaningful access for recreation and enjoyment,

Working logjams can be dangerous and volunteers will be working in the river and required to wear waders. This is dirty, wet work, but it is fun and truly rewarding, organizers said. Friends of the Rouge will provide important safety tips for all volunteers. Register at Earth Day Logjam Workday - Inkster Colonial Park

In Northville:

Volunteers will work at Maybury State Park, 49601 Eight Mile Road, Northville from 9 a.m. until noon Saturday, April 22.

Workers can join the park staff and other volunteers from the Friends of Maybury in getting the state park ready for summer. Volunteers should dress appropriately for the weather and wear long pants and closed toe shoes. Organizers recommend bringing a water bottle and work gloves, if possible. Tools and some gloves will be available. For more information about meeting the volunteer group, call the park office, (248) 349-8390.

In Plymouth:

The Artisan Market celebrating Earth Day will take place in Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth from 1 until 7 p.m.

Among the many exhibitors will be Plymouth Pollinators who will be on hand from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. on Saturday, April 22 providing information about pollinator habitats and native plants. Swag bags will be available for a small donation.

Organizers suggest biking or walking to the event as parking could become scarce. For more information, email plymouthpollinators@gmail.com

In Romulus:

The Romulus Garden Club will host an ECO Fair at the Romulus Athletic Center, 35765 Northline Road in Romulus from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Saturday, April 29, a week after Earth Day.

The event will feature information on recycling along with speakers and other vendors. Expected attendees include members of local garden clubs, South East Michigan Butterfly Association speakers, Michigan State University Master Gardeners, exhibits from the Romulus schools recycling program and various other ECO-friendly vendors.

There will be speakers and presentations at 11 and 11:30 a.m., at noon and at 12:30 p.m. Free activities for all ages are planned along with Eco Story Time with Miss Tee.

There is no admittance fee and there will be door prizes at the event. For more information call (734)634-2812.

The 25th Annual Romulus City-Wide Clean Sweep is also set for Saturday, April 29, a week after Earth Day.

Volunteers will work from 9:30 a.m. until noon to sweep and clean the street throughout the city. The spring clean-up will end at noon at Blue Sky for ice cream and raffles.

Volunteers will meet at the Romulus Athletic Center lobby for assignments, 35765 Northline Road. For more information, call (734) 942-7571.

In Sumpter Township:

The planned clean up of Banotai Park in Sumpter Township has been rescheduled due to predicted rain showers for Saturday, officials announced this week. Sumpter Township residents are being sought to help a belated celebration of Earth Day with a volunteer clean-up of the township park.

Banotai Park is located at 24300 Sherwood Road at the corner of Wear Road. The event was set April 22 but will be rescheduled by the Sumpter Township Parks and Recreation Commission members.

Volunteers are asked to bring tools and an "adventurous spirit" during the future date which will be announced. The township will provide hot dogs, potato chips and bottled water for volunteer workers.

There will also be a plant exchange, organizers said.

Wayne County:

Wayne County Executive Warren C. Evans, and Wayne County Parks have planned an Earth Day Extravaganza from noon until 3 p.m. Saturday, April 22. This family friendly event will take place at Nankin Mills Park, located at 33275 Edward Hines Dr. in Westland.

The event theme this year is environmentally themed video games. There will be a children's Fishville event play area with crafts and games, nature hikes, inflatable and a naturalist led Pokemon Go hike is set for 12:30. The nature trail is not stroller friendly, organizers said and some events are recommended for ages 3 and older.

An environmental magic show is set for 1:30 and a naturalists led nature hike is set for 2:30 p.m.. There will be video game characters on hand and video game costumes are encouraged.

For more information call (734) 261-1990 or visit www.waynecounty.com.

In Westland:

Volunteers at the Westland Historic Village will be celebrating Earth Day at the Village by cleaning up as much of the grounds and buildings as possible.

Some of the projects include, but are not limited to cutting down small trees in order to enlarge the parking area, creating new flower beds and weeding/getting current flower beds and herb garden ready for planting, tearing out a ramp that needs to be replaced, raking leaves and picking up sticks and twigs, cleaning inside several buildings, cleaning gutters and many other tasks, organizers said.

Volunteers are asked to bring yard tools such as rakes, gloves, shovels, clippers, loppers and chainsaws. Yard bags will be provided.

Westland area residents can also celebrate Earth Day beginning at 10 a.m. April 21 at Wildwood Elementary School in Westland.

Free LED lights will be distributed to attendees and the Westland Police Department Ford F-150 truck and other electric vehicles will be on display. Organizers said the event was part of the city commitment to sustainability and information about the latest environmentally-friendly technologies would be available.

In addition, visitors will be able to view the new benches made from recycled plastic from the students at the school.

Recycled plastic was used to create the functional and sustainable pieces of furniture.

The school is located at 500 North Wildwood St.

In another effort to help the environment, the city will host an Electronics Recycling Day on Saturday, April 22, in the parking lot of the Westland Recycling Center, located at 37137 Marquette.

In partnership with Dedicated Recycling Company, Westland is hosting a no cost drop-off day for all Westland residents.

"This is an excellent opportunity for residents to safely and responsibly dispose of their old electronics. Residents dropping off items are able to stay in their cars, as volunteers will unload for them," officials said.

For a list of acceptable items, visit: www.cityofwestland.com.

Canton

Gift of life
Long-time Canton employee donates kidney to co-worker

Abe Vinitski and Greg Hohenberger have become far more than co-workers and colleagues at their respective careers in the Canton Township Leisure Services Department.

The two now share a unique bond after Vinitski received one of Hohenberger's kidneys during a directed organ donation surgery at University of Michigan Hospital.

The two men have each worked at the township in the same department for more than 20 years and as Hohenberger witnessed the ongoing deterioration of Vinitski's kidney health, he was determined to find a way to help. After some research, he quietly took the first step to determine if he was a viable transplant candidate. After the preliminary screening, he completed the extensive testing process and was found to be a medical match for Vinitski. He then made the life-changing decision to donate a kidney to his colleague.

Vinitski, a long-time supervisor of the Canton Parks division, as well as the Canton Sports Center, underwent the life-saving organ transplant from Hohenberger on March 3.

"I just don't have the words to express what Greg's donation means to me and my family," stated Vinitski. "I am forever grateful for how much this amazing gift and selfless act has changed my life. Everyone who knows me knows that I am a private person, but one of the reasons why I want to go public with my story is to make other people aware of the importance of living donor transplants. It's pretty overwhelming to experience this act of generosity from Greg, but because of his gift, I'm able to get back to living my life with my family. How do you thank someone for that?"

"I'd do it again in a heartbeat," Hohenberger, the director of Canton Leisure Services, said. "After I started researching kidney donation to see if I could possibly help Abe, I realized there are so many people in need, so I quickly became totally committed to the process. After going through the procedure and seeing what a difference this has made in Abe's life, I hope to use this experience to raise awareness of the need for kidney donations."

Abe Vinitski and Greg Hohenberger visit the Canton Township administrative offices after their successful surgery. Photo provided courtesy of Canton Township.

The generosity and commitment was not lost on the entire staff at the Canton Administration Building.

"It's great to see what co-workers are willing to do for each other," stated Canton Township Supervisor Anne Marie Graham-Hudak. "Not only did this altruistic act of kindness and devotion truly change one of our employee's lives, but this amazing journey that Abe and Greg have taken together is a profound reminder that people need to support one another to get through life."

To qualify for kidney living donation, potential donors undergo a series of tests to determine how compatible their organs will be with a recipient. Transplant teams also consider factors such as the size of the kidney and the ages of the donor and recipient.

A person with kidney disease could wait for years for a transplant from a deceased donor for the right match to be found. A donation from a living donor can speed up the process and improve a patient's quality of life much faster, according to information from The Gift of Life website.

Still recovering from the successful surgery, both Vinitski and Hohenberger were quick to thank the surgeons, transplant teams, and support staff at the Ann Arbor hospital.

"I hope more people will consider going through the donor process, and I'm thankful that Abe and I can educate people just by sharing our story," Hohenberger said.

To learn more about organ donation visit www.giftoflife.org.

Volunteer disaster safety training now being offered

As weather disasters and other emergencies continue to take place across the country, the Canton Public Safety Department Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training becomes even more vital.

Currently, volunteers for the program, which educates volunteers about disaster preparedness for hazards that may occur, are being sought. Training includes basic disaster response skills including fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization and disaster medical operations.

The CERT program offers a consistent, nationwide approach to volunteer training and organization that professional responders can rely on during disaster situations, allowing them to focus on more complex tasks, organizers from the public safety department explained. The next CERT Basic Training Class will take place from 6-9 p.m. Friday, April 28-30 and from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. Saturday, April 29 and Sunday, April 30. Participants are expected to attend all three training sessions. All participant material is provided free of charge to attendees.

Due to construction at the Canton Public Safety Department, the training will be take place at the Livonia Police Department Emergency Operation Center, 15050 Farmington Road in Livonia.

For more information about the CERT program and to register for the training, contact Canton Emergency Manager William Hayes at (734) 394-5357 or via email at William.Hayes@CantonMI.gov.

The deadline for registration is Wednesday, April 26.

Detour?
Township roadwork set to start

Signs of spring in Canton Township will include large orange detour and road work bulleting throughout the community.

Repaving of Lotz Road between Michigan Avenue to Palmer Road will begin this month, officials said along with projects set for Lilley Road between Michigan Avenue and Palmer Road and Sheldon Road from Warren Road to Sheldon Center.

The road improvements will be funded through the road improvement program approved by Canton Township voters in 2018. Costs are estimated at about $3 million.

Wayne County will also be working on road improvements in the township including a resurfacing of Hannan Road from Van Born to Michigan Avenue; crack sealing and repair of Sheldon Road from Cherbough Avenue to Proctor, and from Geddes Road to Palmer; crack sealing and joint repair is also planned for Cherry Hill Road from Denton to Canton Center and on Ridge Road from Cherry Hill to Ford and Denton Road from Geddes to Saltz.

Motorists are urged to use caution and travel at reduced speeds in the construction areas.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
INVITATION TO BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, May 4 2023 for the following:

CDBG HOUSING REHABILITATIONS SUMMER 2023
(NOTE: EACH HOUSE TO BE BID SEPARATELY)

Bid may be downloaded on the MITN Purchasing Group website at https://www.bidnetdirect.com/mitn/cantontownship or you may contact Mike Sheppard at: mike.sheppard@cantonmi.gov. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

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ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR REGIONAL UTILITY INVENTORY

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BUS TRANSPORTATION SERVICES 2023

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PLYMOUTH

Sword fight
Historic weaponry tournament set for Plymouth competition

The sounds of clashing metal swords will fill the halls of the Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex (PARC) next month as a group of weapon-wielding competitors invade the city to display their skills with historic, and lethal, weapons.

Competitors from Historical European Martial Arts School (HEMA) facilities in the U.S. and several nations will be displaying their skills and vying for coveted honors during the tournament, which will take place at PARC in downtown Plymouth.

Joe Mundo representing the HEMA in Garden City said the tournament is based in world history.

"Historical European Martial Art is a competitive martial sport where we recreate sword duels at full speed with blunt steel weapons. Imagine Olympic karate competitors armed with blunt steel weapons," Mundo explained. "No wizards or foam swords here. We wear modern protective gear and our tournament will include: Longsword, One-handed Sword and Competitive Target Cutting," he said.

Mundo said the HEMA competitors base their fighting styles on historical sources. As an example, he said, a fighter from one school may use techniques from a manuscript written by a 14th century master who lived in the Holy Roman Empire while another uses techniques from a medieval Italian master.

Members of the Historical European Martial Arts School will compete in Plymouth May 5 through 7 at the Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex.

Some competitors will be offering classes, Mundo said, on the wide variety of historical sources and modern sports techniques.

The event, set for May 5 through 7, is free and open to the public. The PARC is located at 650 Church St. in downtown Plymouth.

The Plymouth District Library will celebrate 100 years of service to the community April 29.

Library gala is planned

The Plymouth District Library will host an after-hours gala in celebration of its 100th year serving the Plymouth community.

The gala will take place from 7 until 10 p.m. Saturday, April 29 and is for those 21 and older. Organizers said black tie is optional.

Tickets for the evening are $100 per person and will include hors d'oeuvres, an open bar with wine and beer and live music in the stacks by the Kennebec Avenue Jazz Group.

During this centennial year, the library is developing plans to overhaul the outdoor environment at the facility, including more native and pollinator-friendly plantings and the addition of a natural amphitheater space for outdoor programming.

Proceeds from anniversary gala, along with generous contributions from the Wilcox Foundation and the Friends of the Plymouth District Library, will make this vision a realit, library officials said.

Tickets for the event are now available at plymouthlibrary.org

City qualifies for new state road repair funding program

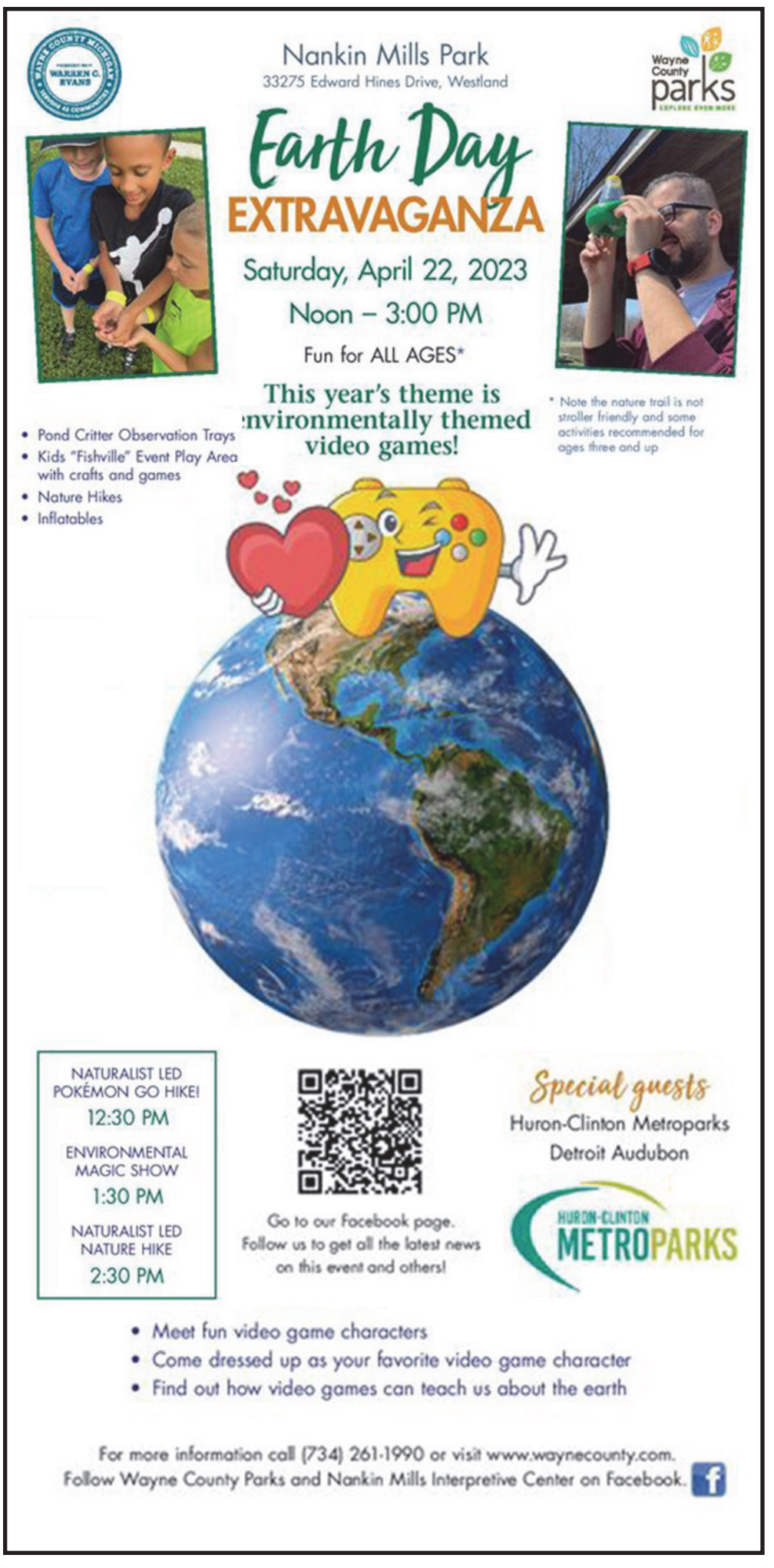
The City of Plymouth is among the local communities that will share in $25 million in supplemental funding recently approved by the Michigan House of Representatives.

House representatives approved Senate Bill 7, a budget supplemental that allocates $25 million for the Transportation Economic Development Fund, a match grant road funding program for municipalities with fewer than 10,000 people.

State Rep. Matt Koleszar (D-Plymouth) expressed his pleasure at the announcement that Plymouth would be included in the fund-matching program.

"I'm ecstatic to learn that my hometown of Plymouth qualifies for this grant program. This will match dollar-for-dollar what Plymouth puts towards fixing our local roads - that's why I voted in favor of this funding," Koleszar said.

The goal of the grants is intended to offset the costs of fixing roads in communities around the state and invest in reconstruction, replacement, rehabilitation or preventive maintenance projects, according to a prepared release from Koleszar's office.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Saturday, April 22, 2023
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Fun for ALL AGES*
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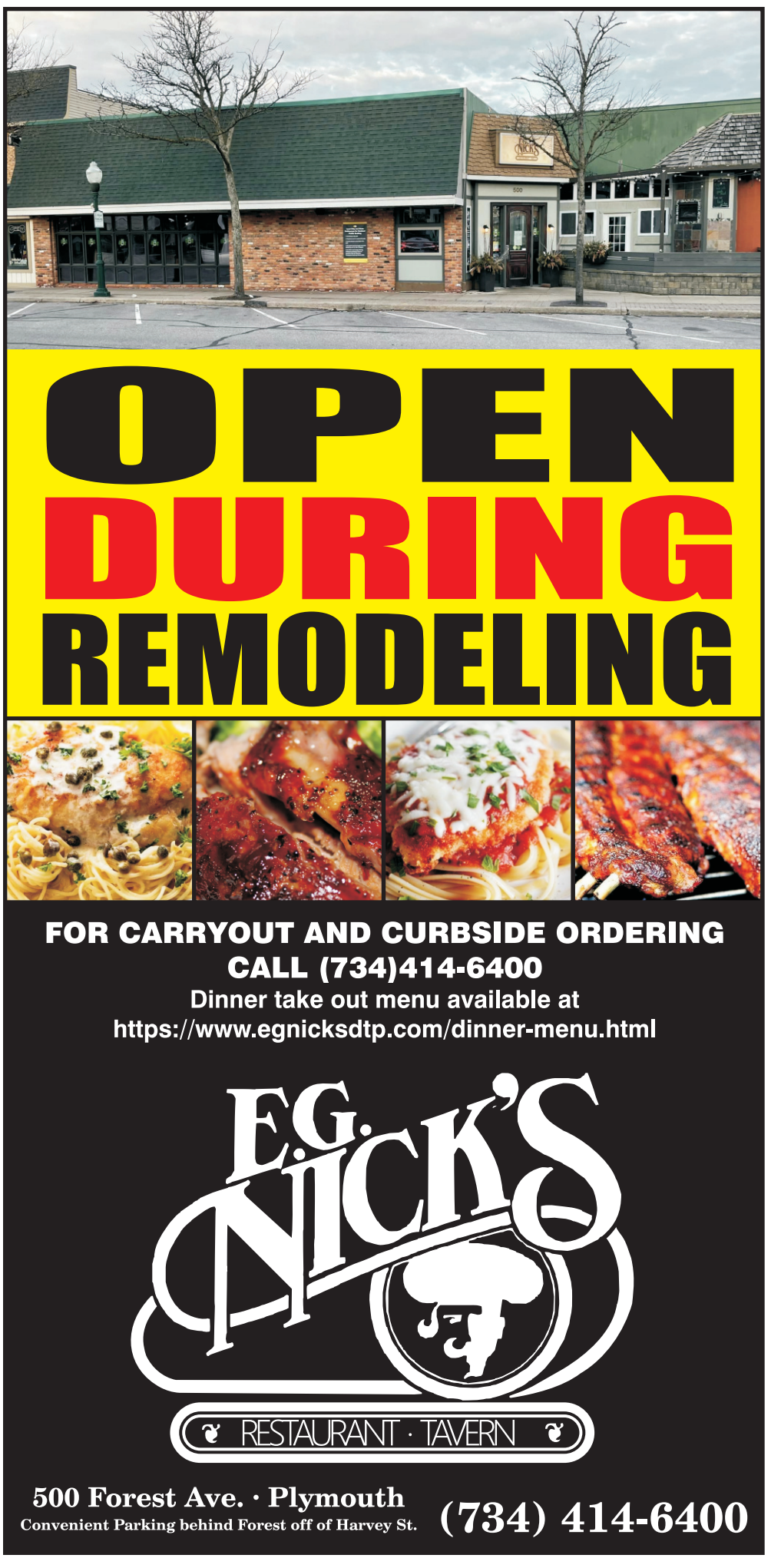

Belleville - Sumpter

Township manager's duties prompt board discussion

A proposed job description for Township Manager Anthony Burdick prompted extended discussion during the April 11 meeting of the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees.

Discussion of the proposed agenda item which included specific areas of authority and responsibility of the manager took place during the public study session prior to the meeting.

Trustee Don LaPorte said that he favored the outline of authority as he felt it was important to have a point person available at township hall able to move forward without the board members "meeting every 20 minutes." He suggested authorizing the township manager to make decisions would help the efficiency of projects currently under way or proposed.

LaPorte said his original concern with approving the advanced degree of authority was that it could lead to a repeat of previous problems with a township employee. "She was always busy doing something, but nothing was ever getting done," LaPorte said. He said he felt that Burdick was doing a good job of keeping the board abreast of what is going on from meeting to meeting. He added that without Burdick's ability to make some decisions, the board would have to get together "every single time a decision had to be made."

"I don't want to add another level of management. In this building we have people that people report to. Union employees report to the treasurer, clerk and supervisor," LaPorte said and explained he felt it was not productive to add the township manager into that level of employee management. "I do believe we need a person that is a champion and point person on projects and moving bigger items down the road," he said.

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Trustee Matt Oddy, who chaired the meeting in the absence of Supervisor Tim Bowman, said he believed the description needed to be more comprehensive and detailed as there were currently employees in the building who had no specified manager. "Who does that employee report to?" Oddy asked. "So there are things that the township manager has to be in charge of because we do not have a specific supervisor in the building. We need the township manager to have oversight." He said his intention with the job description was to correct a situation when a township department had no hands-on manager.

Oddy explained that another concern and basis for appointing deputy officials was to preserve the operational history in several departments. He noted that after an election, the township could have a new clerk, treasurer or supervisor and without a deputy in place, "all that knowledge is lost."

Oddy suggested more discussion about the details of the proposed job description. LaPorte agreed, noting that he felt the trustees needed to "think it through a little more and make sure it is done correctly. We have already approved a set of duties and I think it has to evolve again and be tuned and built on as we go."

Clerk Esther Hurst explained that the trustees were not in the building all the time and "Mr. Burdick is here. Who manages a union employee on the hour-to-hour, day-to-day basis?" Township attorney Rob Young noted that Burdick is a valued member of the management team in township hall. "We value his input, we value his oversight and we value his suggestions."

"Somebody has to have some ability to review all this stuff on a consistent basis-I'm not talking about job performances," Young said. He explained that providing Burdick with the authority outlined in the job description could prevent "a lot of problems we've seen in the past."

Burdick told the trustees that "as attorney Young brings up, there are certain things that just happen."

He said he had no intention of overstepping any direction of the board whom he considered the decision makers and that he acted only at their instruction to implement the decisions made by the trustees.

Oddy suggested that the board "tidy up the language" of the job description and told Burdick that he was extremely happy with his performance. "We are not telling you to stop doing what you're doing," he said.

LaPorte agreed. "This is nothing negative toward you. This is an effort to optimize your time. We don't want you overloaded," he said.

Trustees agreed to remove the item from the meeting agenda to allow for more discussion and clarity of language.

Belleville High School valedictorian matches brother's honor

Educational excellence is a family tradition in the Tinsley family.

Brothers, Sean and Shane, are the first Black valedictorian and salutatorian in their respective graduating classes at Belleville High School.

Shane Tinsley became the salutatorian of his graduating class in 2020, the first African-American student to have won that distinction, which is based on academic performance. This year his younger brother, Sean Tinsley, became the first African-American valedictorian of the class of 2023.

Sean Tinsley

"I saw him (brother Shane) make history and I wanted to make an impact on my school and my community as well," Sean Tinsley told reporters covering the unique achievements.

"Let me try some way to make history at Belleville High School myself," he said. "I didn't start number one. I had to work my way up, but I was always a contender and I always made sure I was doing my best work," he added.

His academic determination paid off with a huge increase in his grade point average and at the end of his junior year, he had the highest grade point average in his class. He was enrolled in several Advanced Placement classes at the school. Those advanced class grade points are calculated on a 5.0 scale, pushing Tinsley's grade point average to 4.59.

"To have that representation finally - the school has been around for so many years and for it to finally happen, I feel like I just broke a major glass ceiling," he told reporters as the unique achievement of the brothers made state-wide news.

Shane Tinsley said he is very proud of his younger brother's achievements.

"I laid the foundation and he just took it from there," Shane Tinsley said. "And I'm so glad to see where he's going and whose to come next."

Sean Tinsley said he will be attending Michigan State University this fall and plans to major in political science with a focus on pre-law. He said he hopes, after obtaining his degrees, to become a prosecuting attorney.

Shane Tinsley is set to graduate a year ahead and has been accepted into medical school as part of the Wayne State Med Direct program.

Mom Sheila Tinsley said she proud of her sons' achievements and said part of her role as a parent was making sure both her sons "knew their worth" and understood their best efforts would pay off.

"Don't let anyone tell you can't, you can do it," Sean Tinsley said. "Just put forth your best effort and you will be successful."

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS – PUBLIC HEARING
May 17, 2023 – 7:00 PM

The Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) will hold a public hearing at the Northville Township Municipal Office Building, located at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville MI. The ZBA will consider a variance request to Chapter 170, Zoning Ordinance as follows:

- 16305 Aspen Valley Dr. - Article 18.1 - Schedule of Regulations
- 43540 Reservoir St. - Article 3.2 - Accessory Structures and Uses

The public is invited to attend this public hearing and express their comments or ask questions. Plans are available for viewing at the Township between 8:00 AM and 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday. Written comments will be received by the ZBA at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168 no later than 12:00 PM on the day of the above meeting.

Paul Slatin, Chair
Zoning Board of Appeals

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NOTICE OF ELECTION
SUMPTER TOWNSHIP, MICHIGAN
MAY 2ND, 2023 SPECIAL ELECTION

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF SUMPTER TOWNSHIP:
Notice is hereby given that a Special Election will be held in Sumpter Township on Tuesday, May 2, 2023. The polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

AT THE FOLLOWING POLLING LOCATIONS:
Precinct 1
Sumpter Community Center, 23501 Sumpter Road

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Airport School District will be voting on the following proposal as presented and listed below:

AIRPORT COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
GENERAL OBLIGATION UNLIMITED TAX BOND PROPOSAL
FOR BUILDING AND SITE PURPOSES IN THE AMOUNT OF
NOT TO EXCEED $64,240,000

The estimated millage that will be levied for the proposed bonds in 2023 is 2.85 mills ($2.85 on each $1,000 of taxable valuation). The maximum number of years the bonds of any series may be outstanding, exclusive of any refunding, is twenty-six (26) years. The estimated simple average annual millage anticipated to be required to retire this bond debt is 3.63 mills ($3.63 on each $1,000 of taxable valuation).

Full text of the ballot proposition may be obtained at Sumpter Township Clerk's Office located at 23480 Sumpter Rd, Belleville, MI 48111. Sample ballots can also be found at www.mi.gov/vote.

Absentee ballots are available for all elections; registered voters may contact the local clerk to obtain an application for an absent voter ballot.

To comply with the Help America Vote Act (HAVA), voting instructions will be available in audio format and in Braille. Arrangements for obtaining the instructions in these alternative formats can be made by contacting the township clerk in advance of the election. All polling locations are accessible for voters with disabilities.

Sumpter Township
Notice of Public Accuracy Test of Voting Equipment

To the qualified electors of the Sumpter Township, Wayne County, State of Michigan: Notice is hereby given that a Public Accuracy Test for the electronic equipment that will be used in Precinct 1 for the Special Election is scheduled for Tuesday, April 25th, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. in the Sumpter Township Community Gymnasium, located at 23501 Sumpter Rd., Belleville, MI 48111. The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to demonstrate that the computer programming used to tabulate the votes cast at the election meets the requirements of Michigan election law.

Esther Hurst
Sumpter Township Clerk
(734) 461-6201

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PUBLIC NOTICE
City of Romulus
Public Accuracy Test

To the qualified electors of the City of Romulus, Wayne County, and State of Michigan:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Accuracy Test for the electronic equipment that will be used in Precinct 4WB for the May 2, 2023, Special Election is scheduled for **Thursday, April 27, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. in the Romulus City Hall Community Room (Lower Level) located at 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174.**

The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to demonstrate that the computer programming used to tabulate the votes cast at the election meets the requirements of Michigan Election Law. (MCL 168.798(1)

THIS IS AN OPEN MEETING

This notice is posted in compliance with PA 267 of 1976 as amended (Open Meetings Act), MCLA 41.72a (2) (3) and the Americans with Disabilities Act. (ADA).
Individuals with disabilities requiring aids or services should contact the City of Romulus Clerk's Office by writing or calling the following:
Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174, 734-942-7540.

A copy of this notice is on file in the Office of the City Clerk.

Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, City Clerk
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NOTICE OF ELECTION
City of Romulus, Michigan
May 2, 2023 - Special Election

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF ROMULUS:
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A SPECIAL ELECTION WILL BE HELD IN THE CITY OF ROMULUS ON **TUESDAY, MAY 2, 2023**. **THE POLLS WILL BE OPEN FROM 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.** for the purposes of voting on the following proposal(s):

WOODHAVEN-BROWNSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT OPERATING MILLAGE RENEWAL

Shall the currently authorized millage rate limitation of 18.0078 mills ($18.0078 on each $1,000 of taxable valuation) on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, in Woodhaven-Brownstown School District, Wayne County, Michigan be renewed for a period of 9 years, 2024 to 2032, inclusive, to provide funds for operating purposes; the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and 18 mills are levied in 2024 is approximately $7,997,804 (this renewal of millage that will expire with the 2023 tax levy)?

_____Yes _____No

WOODHAVEN-BROWNSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT OPERATING MILLAGE RENEWAL
PROPOSAL EXEMPTING PRINCIPAL RESIDENCE AND OTHER PROPERTY
EXEMPTED BY LAW 18.0078 MILLS FOR 9 YEARS

Full text of the ballot propositions may be obtained at the Romulus City Clerk's Office, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174 (734) 942.7540 or at the administrative offices of Woodhaven-Brownstown School District, 24821 Hall Road, Woodhaven, MI 48183-3756, (734)783-3300.

Electors within the Woodhaven-Brownstown School District who are registered with the City of Romulus Clerk's Office are eligible to vote in this election. To comply with the Help America Vote Act (HAVA), voting instructions will be available on audio tape and in Braille. Arrangements for obtaining the instructions in these alternative formats can be made by contacting the Romulus Clerk in advance of the election. All polling locations are accessible for voters with disabilities.

4WB Halecreek Elementary School, 16200 Harrison Road, Romulus, MI 48174

Absentee ballots are available for all elections; registered voters may contact the Romulus City Clerk's Office at 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174 (734) 942-7540 to obtain an application for an absentee voter ballot.

Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, City of Romulus Clerk
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ROMULUS - WAYNE

Wayne district court joins statewide e-filing program

The 29th District Court in Wayne has stepped into the electronic age.

The court will soon implement the MiFILE system, noted Judge Breeda O'Leary, which will allow the electronic filing of documents in any Michigan court, 24 hours a day, without traveling to a courthouse and waiting in line. The statewide e-filing program also allows parties to electronically serve one another with documents and electronically receive notifications and documents from the courts, O'Leary said in a prepared statement.

The statewide system is an initiative sponsored by the Michigan Supreme Court and the State Court Administrative Office (SCAO).

Since 2014, the Michigan Supreme Court and SCAO have been working toward the creation and implementation of this type of statewide e-filing solution. Michigan Court Rules have been changed to support e-filing and aid in the change from paper forms and documents to electronic documents. Standards have also been established to make sure the experience for the filer and the courts are consistent and reliable, O'Leary said.

"This e-filing initiative provides a landmark opportunity to increase access to justice, allows flexibility to litigants, and enables courts to become more efficient by reducing the need to receive, process, store, and retrieve paper files," she said.

> *The court will soon implement the MiFILE system.*

In 2018, MiFILE was successfully implemented in three courts, the 22nd Circuit Court in Washtenaw County), the 37th District Court in the City of Warren, and the Ottawa County Probate Court. These courts have assisted in the development and expansion of the original version of MiFILE, allowing SCAO to create a model for the entire state. Significant changes have been made to the program since 2018, with the focus of product development and implementation shifting to best onboard and serve all of Michigan's 315 court locations, O'Leary explained.

The 29th District Court is expected to go live with MiFILE this summer. Once live, attorneys will be mandated to e-file as required by Michigan Court Rule 1.109(G)(3)(f). Self-represented parties may participate in the e-filing program but will not be required to do so. Filers can learn more about MiFILE on the Michigan Courts website Filer Information page or read the MiFILE Quick Reference Guide. In addition, there are video tutorials to help filers familiarize themselves with the e-filing process available online on the MiFILE YouTube Channel, noted the prepared release from O'Leary's office.

Library offers digitalized high school yearbooks

Anyone looking for a long-lost classmate from Romulus High School can now find them on the Romulus Public Library website.

Jake Rynicki, head of Adult Services and Outreach at the Romulus library, recently completed the digitization of the high school yearbooks. Yearbooks from 1946 until 2018 can now be found in the online archives of the library, according to a prepared statement from library officials.

Library assistants scanned the yearbooks and Rynicki uploaded the past Romulus High School yearbooks to the library website.

Rynicki said the library staff will post yearbooks older than five years, in consideration of the underage and minor individuals often pictured in the books. The five-year timeline ensures that everyone featured in the yearbook is no longer a minor, he said.

Rynicki thanked Councilwoman Kathleen Abdo for helping the library locate lost yearbooks for the project and the Romulus Community Schools for providing yearbooks the library was missing. He also thanked the Historical Society in Romulus for providing them with a yearbook they needed.

He also thanked Kathy Smith and her National Honor Society students for scanning some yearbooks.

"I would lastly like to thank the hard-working library assistants here at the library for focusing on scanning the yearbooks before the scanner had to be returned, as well as their supervisor in assisting in scheduling them time to scan," Rynicki said. "I hope you all check it out!"

Deadline for public comments on waste well permit will end May 3

Michigan residents have until May 3 to provide comment on the relicensing of aboveground hazardous waste operations at the Republic Industrial and Energy Services (RIES) hazardous waste facility in Romulus. The public comment period was reopened by officials from the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE).

Written comments on the aboveground hazardous waste activities and the draft renewal license can be submitted to Ronda L. Blayer, Environmental Engineering Specialist, at BlayerR@Michigan.gov or EGLE, MMD, Hazardous Waste Section, P.O. Box 30241, Lansing, MI 48909. Written comments must be postmarked no later than May 3, and include the writer's name, address, and email; a concise statement of the basis for the comments and the supporting relevant facts upon which the comments are based, according to rules posted by EGLE.

The original public comment period continued from Dec. 30, 2022, to Feb. 16, 2023, and included a public informational meeting and a public hearing. No public comments were received during that period, however recent events including the delivery of waste from the Ohio train derailment have generated significant public interest in the facility, according to a statement from EGLE officials.

EGLE officials stressed that comments must be on the technical and compliance elements of the proposed relicensing. The agency does not have authority under the law to approve or deny the relicensing based on support or opposition alone, nor to decide based on lack of need.

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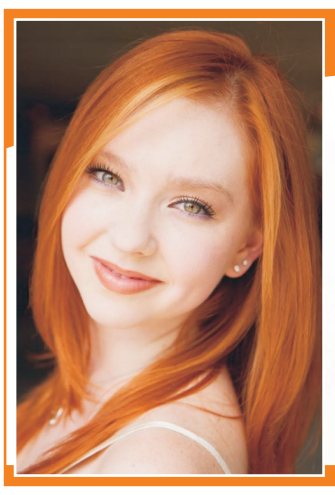

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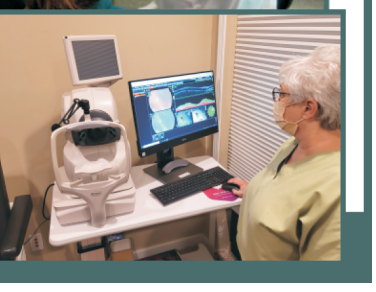

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Inkster - Northville - Westland

Cleaning up
Storm debris pick-up continues

Northville Township has put a new plan in place to collect storm debris from the remaining neighborhoods currently served by township trash hauler GFL Environmental.

Officials from the township Department of Public Works have contracted with C.O.S.M Tree Service to assist during the next several weeks in retrieving yard waste not yet serviced by the special collection services.

> "We've created this new plan to finish the job sooner.

GFL has been gathering storm debris since March 18 but officials noted that the magnitude of storm damage prevented completion of clean up in all areas of the township. GFL representatives said the company is no longer able to provide special pickup services prompting township officials to take active to service remaining homes. GFL will continue to pick up regular yard waste on a weekly basis, according to a prepared statement from the township.

"We recognize the enormous amount of yard waste left behind by the severe winter storms of February and March," said Deputy Public Services Director Brad Lear. "A lot has already been collected but some remains. We've created this new plan to finish the job sooner, rather than later, to help our residents. We thank Northville Township for its patience."

If residents continued to place debris after GFL serviced their neighborhood, or if GFL said the debris was larger and heavier than allowed, then the resident will be responsible for cutting it up to fit the parameters for normal yard waste pickup or have a private company remove it, he added.

To partake in the regular GFL yard waste collection, debris should be placed in 32-35 gallon plastic or metal containers labeled 'Yard Waste' or 'Compost' or in biodegradable paper bags. All containers must weigh 50 pounds or less. Yard waste includes garden waste, leaves, lawn cuttings, shrubs and tree trimming waste. All large brush or tree limbs must be bundled with heavy twine or rope, be less than 18 inches in diameter, cut down to less than 4 feet in length and be 50 pounds in weight or less, DPS officials said.

More information is available at dpw@twp.northville.mi.us or by calling (248) 348-5819.

Getting ready

Lighthouse Home Mission volunteers are again planning a yard sale from 9 a.m. until 7 p.m. beginning Friday, April 28 until Saturday, May 6. All proceeds from the sale are used for the purchase of food for those in need. Volunteers are needed for set up on Monday, April 17 through Thursday, April 27. Help is also needed to keep the tables and items on display during the sale. The church is accepting donations of any and all gently used items to be resold during the event. The church is located at 34033 Palmer Road in Westland.

Derby day set in Inkster

Tickets are now available for Inktown Derby Day.

The Inkster Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the 23rd annual mixer set for 4:30 p.m. until 2 a.m. Saturday, May 6 at the Inkster Civic Arena.

Organizer Ruth Williams said tickets, priced at $50 in advance or $60 per person at the door, are going fast for the event which will feature dinner, horse race betting, casino gaming, a cash bar and a hat contest.

Tickets are being sold at Inkster City Hall, Bishop Auto Wrecking and the Harrison Liquor Store and are available by phone from Williams at (734) 635-6000 or Martha Theis Lee at (586) 634-5739. Online tickets are being sold on Eventbrite.com, Inktown Derby Day.

Farmers Market location is sought

Officials from the City of Northville are now actively seeking a new site for the popular Farmers Market in the community.

Representatives for the city and Main-Seven, LLC, which owns the former McDonald Ford site, did not agree on terms for the sale of the property, according to reports from the city.

The McDonald Ford site was the preferred location of the Farmers' Market which will be moved from the Seven Mile Road location as construction begins at the site of the Northville Downs Harness Racing track.

Two engineering firms inspected the site on behalf of the city. One, OHM Advisors, found the site appropriate for the intended move of the market.

However, AKT Peerless, the other engineering firm hired by city officials, discovered benzene, arsenic and other environmental hazards at the property, according to city officials.

Engineers reported that the extent of those toxins remained unknown without performing bore drilling to test samples of soil and water.

The city and the seller were unable to resolve the outstanding issues and as the city had not finalized the first due diligence period in the sales agreement and not having the agreement fully executed, the $50,000 deposit on the property was returned to the city.

City Manager George Lahanas said the city is now exploring other options in the vicinity of Seven Mile Road which could meet the needs for the Farmers Market.